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SUBJECT: PREPCON II -- INITIAL BILATERAL DISCUSSION

WITH DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, HEAD OF VENEZUELAN
DELEGATION

1. USDEL HEAD ROBINSON LED OFF SERIES OF BILATERALS
WITH SUNDAY MORNING TALK WITH PEREZ GUERRERO,
HEAD OF VENEZUELAN DELEGATION.

2. PEREZ GUERRERO WAS AFFABLE, RECOGNIZED POSITIVE
EVOLUTION IN U.S. POSITION SINCE PREPCON I AS WELL
AS FAVORABLE NEW ATMOSPHERE EXISTING SINCE THE
SECRETARY'S SPEECH, AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE
PREPCON II COULD BE BROUGHT TO EARLY SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION. (IN THIS REGARD IT IS INTERESTING THAT
VENDEL IS COMMITTED TO BE ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE
DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS AND HAS RESERVATIONS TO
LEAVE PARIS THURSDAY.)

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3. ROBINSON DESCRIBED BRIEFLY U.S. VIEWS ON CERTAIN

CONFERENCE ASPECTS SUCH AS SITE, DATE, CHAIRMANSHIP, COMMISSION GUIDELINES, AND SECRETARIAT WITHOUT TURNING UP ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND VENEQUELANS.

4. PEREZ GUERRERO SAID PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO BE IN TOUCH WITH USDEL AND WORK WITH US TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING. PEREZ GUERRERO SUGGESTED HE AND WE COULD BOTH WORK TO "ASSUAGE" ANY OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO MIGHT HAVE UNREALISTIC ASPIRATIONS. HE URGED "RESTRAINT" IN DEALING WITH PRESS AND SAID IT WOULD BE UNHELPFUL FOR EITHER SIDE TO VENTILATE PUBLICLY ANY CONFRONTATIONAL POINTS WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP. ROBINSON AGREED AND SAID WE WOULD WELCOME CHANCE TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH VENDEL THROUGHOUT PREPCON II.

5. NET IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY PEREZ GUERRERO WAS ONE OF CONFIDENCE PREPCON II WILL BE "FULL SUCCESS".
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